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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH NEW GOC MINISTER OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS AND COOPERATION

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1. AMBASSADOR, ACCOMPANIED BY DCM, PAID FIRST FORMAL CALL
JUNE 11 ON COMMANDANT KAMOUGUE, NEW MINFORAFF AND
COOPERATION, WHO RETURNED LATE LAST WEEK FROM ABROAD.
AMBASSADOR OPENED DISCUSSION BY EXTENDING HIS COMPLEMENTS
TO THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL (SMC) FOR CAREFUL ATTENTION
GIVEN TO FOREIGN AFFAIRS BEGINNING DAY OF COUP BY GEN.
ODINGAR AND CONTINUED SUBSEQUENTLY BY SMC PRESIDENT
MALLOUM. AMBASSADOR REFERRED SPECIFICALLY TO OADINGAR
STATEMENT APRIL 13 THAT SECURITY OF FOREIGNERS AND THEIR
INTERESTS WERE GUARANTEED AND TO STATEMENT
MAY 13 THAT ALL AGREEMENTS AND ACCORDS OF PREVIOUS
REGIME WOULD BE RESPECTED, COMMENTING THAT THESE
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COMMUNITY. MINISTER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION

FOR THESE REMARKS.

2. AMBASSADOR THEN REVIEWED WITH MINISTER USG OVERALL POLICY TOWARDS LDCS, REFERRING TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S IEA AND OECD SPEECHES, AND STRESSING US POLICY TOWARDS FOOD AID AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MEET NEEDS OF POOREST COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR GAVE MINISTER FRENCH LANGUAGE SUMMARY OF SECRETARY'S OECD SPEECH (FULL TEXT OF NEITHER ADDRESS AVAILABLE IN FRENCH). TURNING TO US POLICY REGARDING SAHELIAN COUNTRIES, AMBASSADOR BRIEFED MINISTER ON POPULAR SUPPORT FOR DROUGHT AID TO THE SAHEL AMONG AMERICAN PUBLIC AND TRANSLATION OF THIS SUPPORT VIA AMERICAN CONGRESS INTO AVAILABILITY OF SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE FOR REGION, STRESSING THAT AT SAME TIME CONGRESS HAS SET UP MECHANISMS TO MAKE CERTAIN THESE FUNDS WELL SPENT. TOGETHER WITH OTHER DONORS, AMBASSADOR CONTINUED, US PRINCIPALLY CONCERNED WITH HUMANITARIAN AID DESIGNED TO REACH INDIVIDUALS. TO DATE GREATEST PART OF US ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN THROUGH PROVISION OF FOOD AID AND TRANSPORTATION THEREOF, BUT OVER LONGER RANGE USG BELIEVES APPROPRIATE COURSE SHOULD BE SET IN AREAS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND MODERNIZATION AGRICULTURE AND, POSSIBLY, PUBLIC HEALTH. AMBASSADOR STATED USG WILLINGNESS BE RESPONSIVE TO CHADIAN REQUESTS WHEN THESE MEET US AID CRITERIA, AND GAVE MINISTER SUMMARY OF RECENT USG ASSISTANCE TO CHAD AND DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS WHICH WERE UNDER DISCUSSION WITH GOC AT TIME OF GOVERNMENT CHANGE IN APRIL. IN CONCLUSION, AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT WHILE USG SYMPATHETIC WITH ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEMS INHERENT IN AN NEW GOVERNMENT, US AID CANNOT BE EFFECTIVE UNLESS AND UNTIL GOC WILLING MAKE DECISIONS ON TIMELY BASIS REGARDING PROGRAMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. MINISTER THANKED AMBASSADOR FOR EXPOSITION AND WILLINGNESS USG BE OF HELP. HE CONCURRED THAT AGRICULTURE MAJOR ECONOMIC PROBLEM OF CHAD, ALTHOUGH HE GAVE FIRST PRIORITY TO NEED FOR IMPROVED TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, ESPECIALLY ROADS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED ENTHUSIASM FOR POSSIBLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRAMS IN AREA OF PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ALLEGED PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD SIMPLY GIVEN UP IN THIS FIELD. HE THEN TURNED TO SUBJECT BARDAI AIRLIFT REQUEST WHICH REPORTED REFTEL.

4. COMMENT: VERY MUCH IN CONTRAST TO FOREIGN MINISTERS TOMBALBAYE ERA, MINISTER KAMOUQUE GIVES IMPRESSION OF MAN WHO WILL HAVE

SAY IN GOC FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS. ALTHOUGH QUIET
SPOKEN, IN COMMON WITH MOST HIS PEERS, ELEMENT
FORCEFULNESS AND INTELLIGENCE COME THROUGH. HE
PROMISED AMB, FOR EXAMPLE, INFORMATION ON
HOW AID AGREEMENTS WOULD BE HANDLED BY NEW GOVT.,
AND, TO ASTONISHMENT EMB AND CDO, RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIAL MFA MADE APPOINTMENT EARLY NEXT
DAY WITH CDO TO COME TO EMB AND EXPLAIN CURRENT
STATUS GOC THINKING THIS SUBJECT (SEPTTEL). OFFSETTING
THESE POSITIVE QUALITIES IS FACT THAT MINISTER HAS
CRUSHINGLY LARGE BURDEN OF ROUTINE AND EXCEPTIONAL
WORK, FOR WHICH HE HAS VERY LITTLE BACKGROUND AND
TRAINING. IN ADDITION, HE IS ONLY ONE OF MILITARY IN
NEW GOVERNMENT TO KEEP HIS MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES,
I.E., OPERATIONS CHIEF (G-3) OF BOTH GENDARMERIE AND
ARMY. HE IS, IN SUM, ONE OF MORE TALENTED OF THIS
SEASON'S ROOKIES, BUT ONLY TIME WILL TELL WHETHER RBI
AVERAGE WILL BE IMPROVED AS RESULT.
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